## Town Demolishes Burned Out Zombie House in Mastic Beach

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Farmingville, NY – On April 10, Councilman Dan Panico (right) was joined by Suffolk County Legislator and Mastic Fire Chief Rudy Sunderman (left) at the demolition of a burned-out zombie house located at 176 Maywood Road in Mastic Beach. The house, which sustained major damage from fires over the past three years, was a dangerous nuisance in the neighborhood and the source of resident complaints. It was demolished by the Town's Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Councilman Panico said, "We are dedicated and have committed to cleaning up and making Mastic Beach the beautiful waterfront community that it should be. As each of these houses come down, property values rise and we take another step forward to achieving the quality of life that residents deserve. In addition to a myriad of Town of Brookhaven investigators combing through the area, residents will also be seeing a great number of bulldozers and other heavy equipment in the area as we will continue to remove this suburban decay for a brighter future."

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